

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Expedited Procedure**

**In re application of:** Lal and Owen

**Application No.** 10/550,651

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**Confirmation No.** 8346

**For:** IMMUNOGENIC HIV-1 MULTI-CLADE,  
MULTIVALENT CONSTRUCTS AND  
METHODS OF THEIR USE

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION**

This responds to the final Office action dated April 7, 2008, for which a three-month response period was set. No fees are required for this filing; however, if it is determined that fees are required, permission is hereby given to take such fees from Deposit Account 02-4550.

Furthermore, this response is being filed on or before June 7, 2008. Thus, this response is timely filed within two months from mailing of the final Office action and Applicants respectfully request an advisory action or notice of allowance at an early date.

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 4.